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SUBJECT: JULY 4 GREETING FROM ASAD TO FORD

1. HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WASHINGTON.

2. AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CELEBRATE THE HISTORICAL OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF INDEPENDENCE, I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND TO THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN PEOPLE MY WAR FELICITATIONS AND THOSE OF THE SYRIAN ARAB PEOPLE.

3. OUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THEIR OWN STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, FOR BUILDING UP THEIR COUNTRY AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR HOMELAND, AND HAVE MADE GREAT SACRIFICES TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, RECALL WITH APPRECIATION THE STRUGGLE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND THE LOFTY PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE CONSTITUTION.

4. I WISH ON THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO BACK THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TOWARD BRINGING A JUST PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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6. WARMEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

HAFEZ AL-ASAD  
MURPHY

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